

Istook Decries Same-Sex Marriage Ruling, Promotes Federal Marriage Amendment

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Ernest Istook (R-OK) today made the following statement regarding the Massachusetts Supreme Court’s decision in *Goodridge v. MA Department of Health*. The Massachusetts court ruled that same-sex marriage is legal in the state of Massachusetts, opening the door to forced recognition of such unions in other states.

“This ruling not only attacks marriage,” said Istook, “but also attacks the democratic process. When courts claim that these wild decisions are based on a state or federal constitution, they deliberately are trying to block voters from overturning them, since it’s a lot tougher to change a constitution than to change a law.”

“Homosexual activists are relentless in trying to remake society in their own image, and defenders of traditional values must be vigilant to protect and preserve our values. This is why I’m a sponsor of the Federal Marriage Amendment [HJR 56], to make it the law of the land that marriage will only be recognized between a man and a woman.”